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THE LIVING CORPSE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE TO BE ONE OF THE MINDLESS DEAD PREYING ON HUMAN VICTIMS WITH A HUNGER FOR BRAINS! IN A MOMENT OF HORROR THE MEMORIES OF HIS PAST LIFE CAME FLOODING BACK TO HIM AND HE FOUND HIMSELF WITH A NEW MISSION—AS AN UNDEAD ZOMBIE WHO'S JOB IT IS TO KEEP THE DEAD... DEAD!

CASSIE HACK IS THE LONE SURVIVOR OF AN ATTACK BY A SLASHER CALLED THE LUNCH LADY... A SLASHER THAT HAPPENS TO BE HER MOTHER! NOW SHE TRAVELS THE WORLD WITH HER MONSTROUS PARTNER AND FRIEND VLAD HUNTING DOWN AND DESTROYING SLASHERS WHEREVER THEY FIND THEM!

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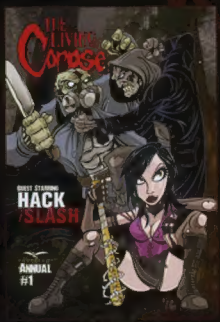

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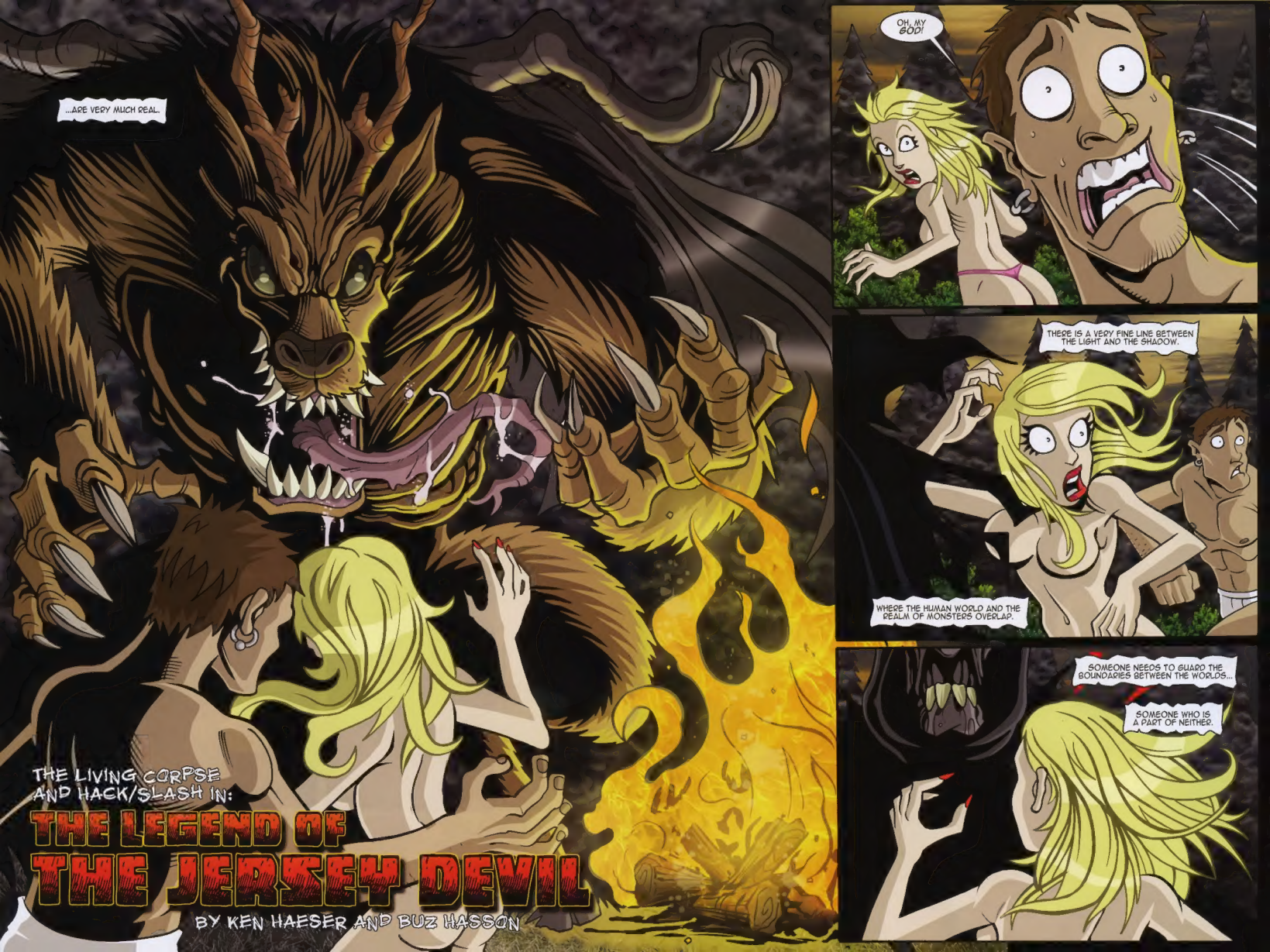
EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD HAS THEIR OWN LOCAL LEGENDS.
NEW JERSEY PINELANDS COASTAL HERITAGE TRAIL
SOUTHERN NJ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NO CAMPING
OH, BABY, I LOVE YOU.
OW, BRAD, YOU'RE ON MY HAIR.
MOST PASS THEM OFF AS A MYTH OR DISREGARD THEM AS CAMPFIRE STORIES.
SORRY, JEN. I'M JUST SO HOT FOR YOU.
IT'S GINA.
RIGHT.
BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO BELIEVE.
BRAD---- WHAT'S...
THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT THE SHADOWS CAST BY THE CAMPFIRE CAN BE AS REAL AS THEY ARE.
THAT MOST OF THE LEGENDS...


...ARE VERY MUCH REAL.
THE LIVING CORPSE AND HACK/SLASH IN:
THE LEGEND OF THE JERSEY DEVIL
BY KEN HAESER AND BUZ HASSON
OH, MY GOD!
THERE IS A VERY FINE LINE BETWEEN THE LIGHT AND THE SHADOW.
WHERE THE HUMAN WORLD AND THE REALM OF MONSTERS OVERLAP.
SOMEONE NEEDS TO GUARD THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE WORLDS...
SOMEONE WHO IS A PART OF NEITHER.

AND THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.
HAVEN'T YOU KIDS LEARNED *ANYTHING* FROM HORROR MOVIES?
WHAT ARE YOU *SUICIDAL*— SCREWING IN THE WOODS?

NO, NO, YOU GUYS GO AHEAD AND GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU'VE SCARED HIM ENOUGH BY SHOWING HOW FAST YOU CAN RUN AWAY.
SHEESH--- KIDS THESE DAYS.
AND YOU...
ROAR!!
GUH--- NICE.
DOES YOUR MOTHER KNOW THAT YOU'RE OUT THIS LATE?

YEAH, I DIDN'T THINK SO.
GO ON! GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, YOU FURRY BASTARD!
I CATCH YOU SO MUCH AS SNEEZING TOWARDS ANOTHER STUPID HUMAN, AND I'LL BE WEARING YOU FOR A COAT!
I KEEP THE PEACE AND BALANCE THE SCALES.
IT'S A DIRTY JOB, BUT BLAH BLAH BLAH.
BESIDES...

...WHO ELSE IS GONNA DO IT?
PIECE OF SHIT!
HOW THE HELL DO YOU GET LOST IN SUCH A SMALL STATE?
THAT CREEP AT THE GAS STATION SAID ALL THE SIGHTINGS ARE RIGHT AROUND THIS AREA... WHEREVER THIS IS!
DAMMIT, THIS PLACE IS FRUSTRATING!
(AND NOW IT'S GOT ME TALKING TO MYSELF!)
I'M GOING RIGHT BACK TO THAT GAS STATION AND SHOVING THIS MAP UP THAT PRICK'S...
PLEASE!! HELP US!
WELL, HEY, GUYS--- WHERE'S THE PARTY?

MONSTERS! MONSTERS IN THE WOODS!
MONSTERS, HUH? IS ONE OF THEM BIG AND HAIRY WITH ANTLERS?
YES! YES! PLEASE. WE NEED TO GET IN THE VAN AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!!
WELL, HOT DAMN! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AFTER ALL!
WAM!
WAM!
VLAD! WAKE UP, BIG GUY...
WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

HMMF.
AND THEY SAY THAT CHIVALRY IS DEAD.
HURR... SHE DOESN'T LOOK DEAD- ONLY FAINTED.
DID I MISS SOMETHING, CASSANDRA?
WHY WAS CHIVALRY AND HER FRIEND RUNNING AROUND THE WOODS IN UNDERWEAR?
SAME REASON WE'RE OUT HERE IN THE WOODS OF BUMBLE F$@K NEW JERSEY...
SOMETHING SPOOKED THE TWO MOONDOGS- SOMETHING THAT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE CREATURE WE'RE LOOKING FOR.
HRRM... JERSEY DEVIL CREATURE, CORRECT?
BINGO. THEY SAY THIS SLASHER HAS BEEN HUNTING IN THESE WOODS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
WE FIND THIS BIG, HAIRY DOUCHEBAG, KICK HIS ASS, AND THEN WE CAN SPEND THE REST OF THE TRIP GETTING MASSAGES AND ROOM SERVICE IN ATLANTIC CITY.
ANY QUESTIONS?
HMM...
WHAT KIND OF NAME IS CHIVALRY?

LATER
HRRM... THESE TRACKS ARE HOOF PRINTS, CASSIE...
HOW DO WE KNOW IT IS NOT AN ANIMAL ATTACKING THESE CAMPERS?
THE LEGENDS SAY THAT THIS "JERSEY DEVIL" WAS THE 13TH SON OF A WITCH NAMED MOTHER LEEDS AND THE DEVIL HIMSELF.
THEY SAY IT'S GOT THE HEAD OF A GOAT, THE WINGS OF A BAT AND HOOFED FEET
WATCH YOUR HEAD, VLAD--- LOW BRIDGE
THUMP!
OW!
THAT SOUNDS A LOT LIKE THE DESCRIPTION FROM THE UNDERWEAR COMPLE...
AH HA!
TRACKS LEAD RIGHT TO THAT
HMM... CREEPY OLD HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WOODS.
IT IS IN THERE... I CAN FEEL IT.
ALL RIGHT, VLAD, YOU KNOW THE DRILL.
YOU CIRCLE AROUND BACK I'LL GO IN THE FRONT AND FLUSH HIM BACK TOWARD YOU
AND I SWEAR TO GOD, IF THERE'S ONLY SOME GUY IN THERE STANDING IN THE CORNER, I WANT MY MONEY BACK

HELLO? ANYBODY HOME?
I'M JUST HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE LORD AND DROP OFF SOME ISSUES OF THE WATCHTOWER
THERE'S A GREAT ARTICLE IN THERE ABOUT DEMONS WHO GET THEIR ASSES KICKED BY GIRLS WITH BASE-BALL BATS.
I FIGURE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO RELATE...
GUH! WHAT IS THAT
STENCH ?
GGG
GRRRROOOOWWWL!

HA! GOTCHA, SUCKER!
SHLUK!
HURRR..
HEY, BIG GUY! SAVE A LITTLE FOR ME!
HURRN!
KRAK!

KRAK!
SHUK!
HNNN!
CHUK!
AND THAT'S THAT! NICE AND EASY... JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT
HMMM... MAYBE TOO EASY?
TOO EASY?

SHLUK!
YES, CASSIE, TOO EASY.
THIS CREATURE HAS BEEN HUNTING HERE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, CORRECT?
THAT'S WHAT THEY TELL ME
THUMP!
WHY WOULD SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN TERRORIZING PEOPLE FOR THAT LONG "GO DOWN LIKE A BITCH" AS YOU WOULD SAY?
'CAUSE WE'RE JUST THAT GOOD VLAD
HMMM...
YOU KNOW WHAT? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THE UNDERWEAR COUPLE DID SAY "MONSTERS"
HRRR... SO THERE IS MORE THAN ONE.
GUESS THE MASSAGES AND ROOM SERVICE ARE GONNA HAVE TO WAIT WE'RE NOT DONE HERE YET

MY BABY
NO NO
NOOOOOOOO!!!
THAT SCREAM--- FULL OF ANGER AND DESPAIR.
DOESN'T SOUND QUITE... HUMAN

CAME FROM BACK TOWARDS THE KIDS' CAMPSITE
DEFINITELY DIDN'T SOUND LIKE ONE OF THEM
DIDN'T SOUND LIKE THE JERSEY DEVIL EITHER.
DAMMIT--- I REALLY HOPE
THAT SCREAM ISN'T FROM WHO I THINK IT IS

HURRN!
HA! IF YOU WANT TO SNEAK UP ON ME, YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO BE A LITTLE MORE SUBTLE THAN THAT
MAYBE IN A TANK OR STAMPEDE OF BUFFALO
CHUK!
SO WHAT'S UP WITH THE GAS MASK, GRUESOME?
IS IT ME? I KNOW I DON'T SMELL LIKE ROSES, BUT IT CAN'T BE THAT BAD!
RIGHT?
KRAK!
HURR...
ZOMBIE MAN TALKS TOO MUCH.
KRAK!

OWW
OKAY--- SO YOU'RE THE STRONG, SILENT TYPE I CAN RESPECT THAT
I GUESS YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAUSED THAT SCREAM A LITTLE WHILE AGO
NO.
NO? REALLY?
IN THAT CASE I'VE GOT ONE MORE QUESTION FOR YOU
WHAT'S THE CAPITAL OF THAILAND?
WHAT?...
CRUNCH!

BEEP!
ALRIGHT, NUT SACK
SHLUK!
NOW THAT I HAVE YOUR COMPLETE AND TOTAL ATTENTION, YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.
WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
BETTER ANSWER QUICK, BIG BOY. THE LONGER I HAVE TO WAIT, THE MORE OF YOUR BODY PARTS I HAVE TO CHOP OFF TO KILL MY BOREDOM.
KRAK!
GET AWAY FROM HIM!!
IF YOU'VE HURT HIM, I SWEAR I'LL SPLATTER YOUR BRAINS ACROSS THE...
UNG--- DAMN, GIRL. I FORGOT HOW HARD YOU CAN HIT.
HOW YA BEEN, CASSIE?

CORPSE? IS THAT YOU?
BEEZ, MAN! IT'S BEEN FOREVER. WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
OH, THE USUAL. JUST BEATING UP ON THIS BIG RETARD TRYING TO GET SOME ANSWERS OUT OF HIM.
HE A FRIEND OF YOURS?
HUURM...
YOU KNOW THIS ZOMBIE, CASSIE?
YEA, HE'S.
KA-BOOM!!
MURDERERS!!
FILTHY, DIRTY MURDERERS!!!
YOU KILLED MY SON---
MY PRECIOUS THIRTEENTH SON!!
YOU WILL PAY!---
YOU WILL ALL PAY IN BLOOD!!

WAIT A MINUTE.
DID YOU ASSHOLES *REALLY* KILL THE JERSEY DEVIL?
...MM...
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
THE JERSEY DEVIL IS NOT MUCH MORE THAN A *WILD ANIMAL!*
SURE, IT SCARES PEOPLE AWAY FROM ITS LAND, BUT IT HAS NEVER *HURT* ANYONE.
IT KEEPS PEOPLE AWAY FROM ITS HOME--- ITS HOME IT SHARES WITH ITS *MOTHER*...
...THAT *PISSED OFF* BROAD OVER THERE!
THE ONLY THING YOU TWO HAVE DONE IS *KILL* THE ONLY THING THAT RAGING BITCH *CARES* ABOUT!
WITHOUT HIM TO KEEP HER IN CHECK, SHE IS GONNA RELEASE *HOLY HELL* ON US AND *EVERYONE* IN THE AREA.

MY SON! MY LOVELY SON!!
YOU WILL ALL DIE--- THIS WORLD WILL DIE!!
AND IT WILL BE AT THE HANDS OF MY PRECIOUS CHILDREN!
HURRRN
...RRRR...
HUF! HUF!
SPLORT
THUD!
SKREEEE!!!
THAT'S IT?
IT'S KIND OF... CUTE

OH, THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT IT.
SHE'S A WITCH, CASSIE--SHE'LL KEEP PUMPING THOSE THINGS OUT UNTIL WE'RE NOTHING BUT SCRAPS!
IN THAT CASE---
THUD!
WE CHOP HER UP UNTIL SHE STOPS!
SKREE!!
THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM!
KRAK!
SKREE!!

IT'S NO GOOD!
WE NEED TO FIND SOMETHING TO PLUG HER UP!!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU!
ONE PLUG...
SKREE!!
COMING UP!!
SH-LUNT!!
SKREE!!

GUH!
HUCK---
NO!
GET OUT! GET...
HUKK!
CAN'T STOP!
CAN'T--- URRRRR...
I'M GONNA---
I'M GONNA---
POP!

EWWW.
FLOP!
PLOP!
PLOP!
NO OFFENSE, CASSIE...
BUT YOUR BIG FRIEND OVER THERE IS GOING TO LEARN SOME MANNERS
SORRY, COOPSE. HE'S A FIGHTER, NOT A THINKER
IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PRETTY, BUT THAT'S ONE LESS CRAZY WITCH IN THE WORLD, RIGHT?
HRRR

IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU AGAIN, CORPSE!
SORRY ABOUT THE MESS! YOU KNOW--- IT'S A DIRTY JOB, AND NO ONE DOES IT BETTER THAN YOU!
SEE YA AROUND!
LIKE I SAID BEFORE--- EVERY PART OF THE WORLD HAS THEIR OWN LEGENDS
C'MON, VLAD! THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME FOR MASSAGES AND ROOM SERVICE!
I JUST HOPE THAT WHEN THEY WRITE THIS ONE---
THEY LEAVE THIS PART OUT
THE END!

VOICES FROM THE GRAVE

Write us at CorpseComic@gmail.com

Welcome back to the ever popular, *Living Corpse* letters page! Hope you got a kick out of our first Xanadu issue! We were a little stressed out and disturbed by it. If you weren't laughing and throwing up in your mouth a little, then we either did a very good job or you might need some professional help! And if this is your first journey into the sick and twisted world of *The Living Corpse*... WHAT THE HELL TOOK YOU SO LONG?!?! We got seven issues out already! Not to worry, my friends, if you want to get caught up, you can pick up *The Living Corpse* volumes one and two in trade paperback at fine comic book stores or you can order it from the Zenescope store at www.Zenescope.com. Or if you aren't feeling that adventurous (or you're cheap), you can read the first two issues for free over at www.[illegible].com.

We've got to thank some very talented people because we couldn't have done this on our own. Thanks to Chris Hewitt who helped out with the coloring chores, Josh Medors for that kick ass sketch cover and Paolo Bellfore for helping to get this whole thing together and for letting our original artwork (including pages from this issue!) at www.CadenceComicArt.com. And a big "smooch" thanks to Tim Seeley for letting us play with his characters and letting Vlad get [illegible]

Gentlemen, you keep on outdoing yourselves! This issue rocked! I'm sure this isn't the last we see of Were-Frank....or is it? The ending could lead many places, I can't wait! I picked up both covers, because both rocked! Buz and Ken, the Frankenstein Nemesis on the cover is out of this world! I saw the preview there on the forum, in print form it blew me away! Way to have to comment on the letters you get: Mike, I hope you enjoy the comic for what it is and not continue to criticize. I've read his stuff and I like it too...can't we all just get along!?

BTW--will there be a "Were-Jeevers" [illegible] one can only hope! Great job!

via the forum
Andy
Delaware

Were-Jeevers would be awesome! Never seen a were-gorilla before! But I can guarantee we haven't seen the last of Were-Frank!

We love when Mike criticizes our book because it makes them feel like a big boy. Besides, you should see the letters we send to the Fist of Justice comic!

Just gotta [illegible] to sit down and read issue 6. As always I gotta say great job! Frankie's bride turning into a "Were-ostrich" or sumthin was great. Also, ya gotta dig [illegible] character rips his own head off

[illegible] head in to the Nosferatu story [illegible] surprised when I seen it was I wasn't expecting a [illegible] gorilla..lol.. yeah it Were-Jeevers [illegible]. Let's not forget about the Brit [illegible] all torn to pieces...nice! Anyway [illegible] thanks for the great book it's [illegible] and time waiting how they [illegible] all be getting.

Typ
unsurvivors

Glad you're sticking with us man. We [illegible] happy when someone picks up our little book instead of the latest crappy "Infinite Invasion" crossover and all its waste of paper cousins. We promise to make sure every issue is worth [illegible] hard earned cash!

[illegible] Corpse we and [illegible] for [illegible] putting together such a [illegible] issue was my favorite so far. [illegible] same case with every new issue [illegible] keep getting better and better.

[illegible] future issues that [illegible] and The Brides

[illegible] was a great setup for issue #7. Will [illegible] make Lilith his bride? Will Lilith want his bride? Look forward to The Living Corpse – Nosferatu confrontation!

Christine Caprilozzi

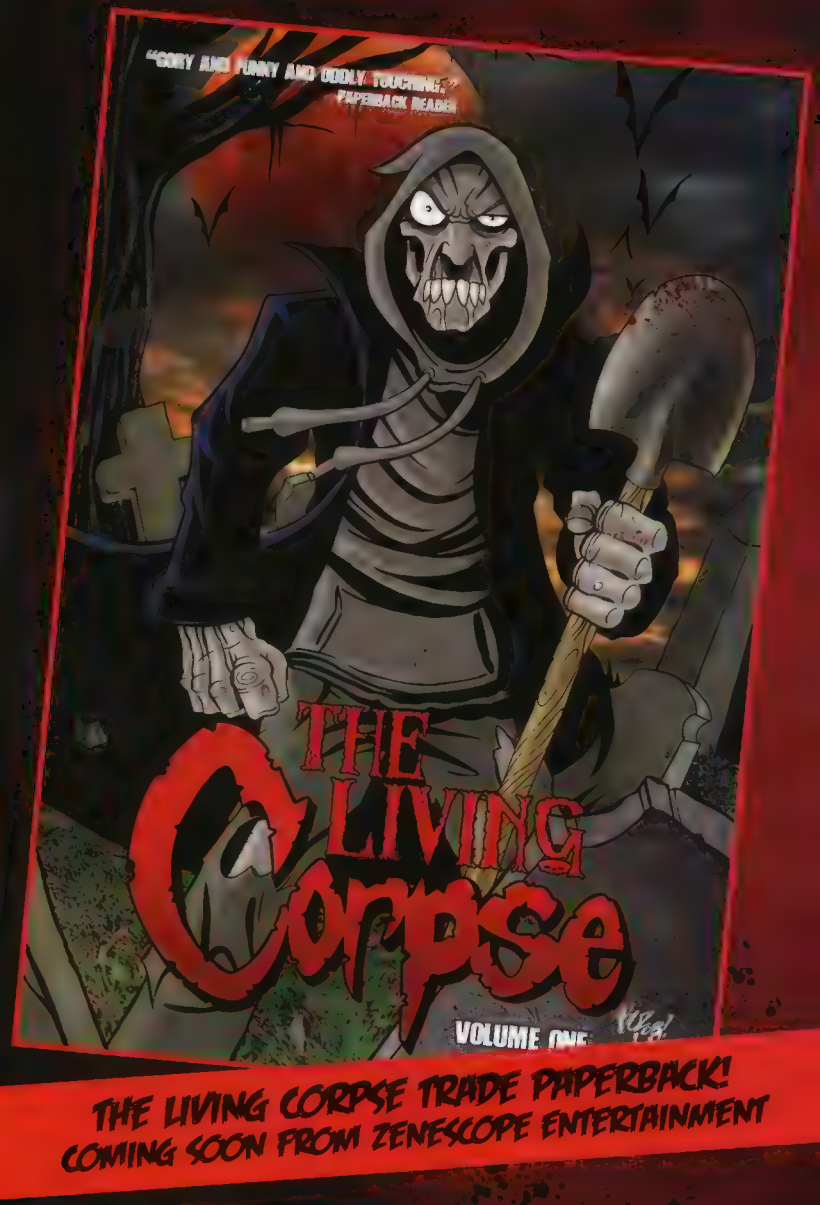
Thanks Christine! Next issue's Nosferatu story will have far reaching effects on the Corpse and especially Lilith! It's just the beginning of next year's stories!

I would just like to say thanks to Buz & Ken for creating such a cool an unique comic book character, it's not everyday that you get to see something like this come out. Something with more of a new point of view coming from the undead zombie point of view. It's very refreshing and entertaining to read. You can tell Buz & Ken put a lot of hard work into their book an it shows. I wish you both best of luck with the movie an with the [illegible] series going. Keep on doing a killer job!

Brian Typhair
Typh

That covers all the room we have for this issue. Make sure to keep the letters coming to the new email address: CorpseComic@gmail.com. We'll see ya in 2 months for issue #7.

-Ken and Buz



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OH MY GOD.
I'M GUESSING THE DEAD BODY WAS A PRIOR RESIDENT.
AAAOOOHHH
SHHH. LISTEN.
WE MUST HURRY.
AAAOOOHHH
THIS WAY

GET... THEM...

BANG
BANG
BANG

DAVID. GET THE BABY!
DAVID! HURRY!

YOU DARE TRY AND TAKE MY CHILD! YOU WILL DIE FOR THIS.
GO BACK TO HELL.
LO SPANE LA SEE RAEIEN POEHIL DES MAN NU...
NO. NO. HOW?
TAHAT HAN ERCA REA MANUS...
NO!